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For: **STABLE MICROBUBBLES SUSPENSIONS
INJECTABLE INTO LIVING ORGANISMS**



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PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)

Applicants hereby petition to have action suspended in this application for a period of at least 6 months as provided by Rule 103 and MPEP 709.

Dr. Nenad Tomov, the person responsible for preparing and prosecuting this application in the assignee company, Bracco Reserach S.A. of Geneva, Switzerland, was aboard ill fated Swissair Flight 111 on September 2, 1998 when it crashed; see the attached list of those killed on this flight as published in the New York Times. Dr. Tomov was in fact returning to his home in Geneva following a series of interviews at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31 and September 1, 1998.

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Applicants and those in Switzerland now involved with the prosecution of this application require time to organize and in some cases reconstruct files of the U.S. and other patent applications handled by the late Dr. Tomov. At present efforts are being made to respond to all U.S. applications in which Official Actions or other communications have already been issued.

To the knowledge of the undersigned as of this date there are no outstanding Official Actions or responses required by applicants in this application [see 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a), last sentence].

You are hereby authorized to charge any costs or fees associated with this petition [37 C.F.R. §1.17 (i)] to deposit account 14-1140.

Considering the unusual circumstances involved, favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A List of Those Killed on Swissair Flight 111

Following is a list of the passengers and crew members killed in the crash of Swissair Flight 111, released last night by the airline. Two of the 215 passengers were not named. Ages or hometowns of the victims were not released.

ABADY, George	COBURN, Richard	JACKMAN, Olivier	MOLINIER, Jean-Phi-	SMITH, Caroline
ABERY, Keith	COLINBARRAND,	JASAN, Jay	lippe	SPANNE, Per
ABOUTAAM, Sleiman	Thierry	JEGGE, Evelyn	MONAY, N.	SPANOPOULOU, Eu-
ABOUTAAM, Suad	COLMERY, Barry	JEGGE, Isabelle	MORERO, JP.	genia
ACEVEDO, Ingrid	COLMERY, Julie	JHURANI, Somesh	MORERO, M.	SPANOPOULOU,
AELLEN, Pierre-Andre	DANON, Albert	JUNOD, Maryline	MORTIMER, Hilda B.	Hodtsev-Plato
ALBERTSEN, Else	DEGRAEF, Maarten	KAISER, Marina	MORTIMER, John H.	SPERBER, Julie
ALBERTSEN, Torkild	DEMEIRE, Jana	KARAMANOUKIAN,	MOSER, Julie	SPERBER, Thomas
ALLEAUME, Bruno	DEPLEDGE, Caroline	Serge	MOZES, Jean-Max	SPRINGER, Hiloyd
ALSAUD, Bandar	DEPLEDGE, Jane	KASSEL, James T.	MUNARI, Jaques	SPRINGER, Judith
AMPOSTA, M.	DEPLEDGE, Micheal	KEFALIDIS, N.	NAPOLI, Phyllis	STAUFFER, Peter
BABOLAT, Pierre	DEPLEDGE, Norman	KIEF, Kevin	NAVARRO, Yolanda	STAUTER, Robert
BACONNIER, Pascal	DEROUSSAN, Yves	KINDERGEIGER,	NELSON, Tara	TAHMOUSH, Albert
BAEUMER, Ludwig	DIBA, Mahmood	Klaus	NEUWEILER, Adri-	TAHMOUSH, Odette
BALL, Eudyce	DITCHKUS, L.	KITSINGER, Eric	enne	THIOUDELLET, Alex-
BALL, Martin	DITCHKUS, M.	KLEIN, Stanley	NEUWEILER, John	andre
BELL, Patrick W.	DOMINIGUE, Karen	KLEINMAN, Karen	NOCETO, Betty	THIOUDELLET, Em-
BENJAMIN, Jesse	DONALDSON, Rhonda	KLEINMAN, Leonard	NOCETO, Claude	manuel
BENJAMIN, Stacey	DUMITRU, C.	KOHLER, Stephane	OGARA, William	THOMPSON, Ernest
BENJAMIN, Wahkyn	EZELL, Patricia	KOKORUDA, Jean	OMRAN, A.	THORENS, Sebastien
BENJAMIN, Whitney	FETHEROLF, Tara	KOKORUDA, Robert	PEREAU, Clelia	TOMOV, Nenad
Ginger	FINE, Douglas	KREIS, Thomas	PEREAU, Jean-Louis	TOPFGIBSON, Nancy
BILGER, Joachim	FREVIEW, Mary-	KRETSCHMER, Heidi	PEREAU, Joelle	TOLLIS, Christos
BITTENBINDER, Su-	vonne	LAMOTTA, Joseph	PEREAU, Sylvie	TZAMARIOUDAKI,
zanne	FROGHI	LAMPIETTI, Dario	PEREAU, Yves	Maria
BOLSTERLI, Andrew	FUHRMANN, William	LATTIMER, Don	PERRAUD, E.	VILLET, Vincent
BOUCHOUT, Geoffroy	GAMBONE, Deborah	LATTIMER, Nancy	PINOESCH, Sker	WHITE, Rowennalee
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CARIPIDES, Peter	HASTIE, Cheriem	MAKAREVITCH,	ROMANO, Raymond	LOEW, Stephan
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CEGAR, Natasa	HEWSON, Roberte	MALLIN, Gilda	SALAKHOUTDIN-	PAZELLER, Seraina
CHAPMAN, Cauley	HOCHE, Gabriel	MALLIN, Ralph	OVA, E.	SCHWAB, Peter
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CHATELAIN, Raoul	HOEL, Francois	MEHRARABANSA-	SAUGY, Crystel	it
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	ICONOMOPOULOU,	MIRALAI, Houchang	SHEER, Donald	REUTEMANN, Regu-
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